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SUBJECT: ACTION MEMORANDUM: EGYPTIAN-ARAFAT TALKS
(SS 7722037)
REF: CAIRO 1415

1. IN THE REFERENCE TELEGRAM, WHICH HAS BEEN REPEATED TO YOU, FAHMY ASKS FOR YOUR REACTION TO ANOTHER PLO FORMULA ON "ACCEPTING" RESOLUTION 242, AND SAYS THAT IF YOU COULD SEND HIM SOME KIND OF ASSURANCE THAT WHAT IS MEANT BY THE PALESTINIAN HOMELAND OR ENTITY IS THE WEST BANK OR GAZA HE WOULD BE ABLE TO GET ARAFAT TO ACCEPT RESOLUTION 242.

2. WITH RESPECT TO THE FORMULA, WHICH AS HERMANN POINTED OUT TO FAHMY MAKES NO REFERENCE TO ACCEPTANCE OF THE RESOLUTION, IT IS UNACCEPTABLE AND WE SHOULD TELL FAHMY SO. (HE MUST APPRECIATE THIS HIMSELF.) ON THE OTHER QUESTION,
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WHICH HE HAS ASKED BEFORE IN VARIOUS WAYS, WE HAVE GIVEN HIM ABOUT AS MUCH AS WE CAN. YOU MADE TWO POINTS TO THE SAUDIS DURING YOUR VISIT, HOWEVER, WHICH WE COULD MAKE TO FAHMY AND WHICH WOULD ADD A LITTLE MORE SPECIFICITY. YOU TOLD FAHD THAT SELF-DETERMINATION IS THE GUIDING PRINCIPLE OF U.S. POLICY AS A WAY OF DECIDING THE NATURE OF A

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PALESTINIAN STATE OR HOMELAND. WE THINK IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO REEMPHASIZE THE IMPORTANCE OF THE SELF-DETERMINATION CONCEPT. SECONDLY, KHALID ASKED YOU IF A PALESTINIAN ENTITY WOULD BE IN PALESTINE ITSELF AND YOU REPLIED AFFIRMATIVELY, POINTING OUT HOWEVER THAT THIS WAS SIMPLY OUR POSITION AND THAT WE COULD NOT GUARANTEE IT.

3. WE HAVE PREPARED FOR YOUR APPROVAL A RESPONSE TO HERMANN THAT INCORPORATES THESE POINTS. FAHMY WOULD LIKE, IF POSSIBLE, TO HAVE A RESPONSE BEFORE HE SEES ARAFAT AGAIN, APPARENTLY ON SATURDAY, AUGUST 27.

4. BEGIN TEXT:

TO: CAIRO - IMMEDIATE
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SUBJECT: EGYPTIAN - ARAFAT TALKS

REF: CAIRO 1415

FOR AMBASSADOR FROM THE SECRETARY

1. IN RESPONDING TO FAHMY'S TALK WITH YOU OF AUGUST 25, YOU SHOULD TELL HIM THAT I REAFFIRM THE POINT YOU MADE
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TO HIM ABOUT THE UNACCEPTABILITY OF THE PLO FORMULATION QUOTED IN PARAGRAPH 6. IT MAKES NO MENTION AT ALL OF PLO ACCEPTANCE OF THE RESOLUTION, BEING ONLY A STATEMENT OF THE RESERVATION, AND IS THEREFORE OF NO HELP.

2. WITH RESPECT TO THE ASSURANCE FAHMY SUGGESTED (PARA. 5) WE HAVE DEALT WITH THIS SUBJECT ABOUT AS THOROUGHLY AS WE CAN IN PAST MESSAGES. YOU SHOULD, HOWEVER, MAKE THE ADDITIONAL POINTS TO HIM, THANKING HIM AT THE SAME TIME FOR HIS ACTIVE AND CONSTRUCTIVE INTEREST:

-- SO FAR AS THE LOCATION OF THE PALESTINIAN ENTITY OR HOMELAND IS CONCERNED, IT IS OUR POSITION THAT IT WOULD BE IN PALESTINE, BY WHICH WE MEAN PRIMARILY THE WEST BANK. THIS CAN BE NO MORE THAN OUR OWN POSITION, HOWEVER, AND WE ARE NOT ABLE TO GUARANTEE SUCH AN OUTCOME.

-- ON THE QUESTION OF BOUNDARIES, AS FAHMY IS ALREADY AWARE, OUR POSITION IS THE 1967
LINES WITH MINOR AND MUTUALLY AGREED MODIFICATIONS.

-- FAHMY ALSO MENTIONS ARAFAT'S UNCERTAINTY ABOUT WHAT WE

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MEAN BY A HOMELAND OR ENTITY. I WOULD LIKE TO EMPHASIZE

THE IMPORTANCE IN THIS RESPECT OF OUR POSITION THAT SELF-DETERMINATION SHOULD BE THE WAY OF DECIDING THE NATURE OF A PALESTINIAN ENTITY OR HOMELAND. END TEXT.

5. RECOMMENDATION: THAT YOU APPROVE THE FOREGOING MESSAGE.

APPROVE.....DISAPPROVE.....

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